



Commencement

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
COLUMBIA
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

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May 13, 2023

11:00 a.m.

Jesse Hall Auditorium

THE COMMENCEMENT PROCESSION

The Deans of the Faculty of Medicine

The Investiture Marshals

The Candidates for the Degree Doctor of Medicine

Significance of the Colors of the Academic Regalia

The color of the velvet edging of the hood and gown indicates the degree; in the lining of the hood are the college colors of the institution that confers the degree.

The hood and gown of the doctor of medicine degree have a green velvet edging; doctor of divinity and doctor of theology, scarlet; doctor of laws degree, purple; doctor of philosophy degree, dark blue; doctor of education degree, light blue; doctor of science degree, golden yellow; doctor of literature, white; doctor of dentistry, lilac; and doctor of veterinary medicine, gray.

PROGRAM

Processional

Opening Remarks *Richard Barohn, M.D.*
Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs
Hugh E. and Sarah D. Stephenson Dean

Welcome *Latha Ramchand, Ph.D.*
Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost

Honorary Degree *Kristy Weber, M.D.*
Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, University of Pennsylvania
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Graduate Welcome *Sophi Farid*
Class of 2023

Class Speaker *Michela Fabricius*
Class of 2023

Commencement Address *Benjamin Schmidt, M.D.*
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Administration of the Declaration of Geneva *Richard Barohn, M.D.*

Declaration of Geneva (back cover): Adopted by the General Assembly of the World Medical Association, Geneva, Switzerland, September 1948, and amended by the 68th WMA General Assembly, Chicago, United States, October 2017. A response to atrocities committed by doctors in Nazi Germany, the oath requires physicians to not use "medical knowledge contrary to the laws of humanity." The oath was adopted by the World Medical Association only three months before the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

**Presentation of Candidates for the Degree
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*Chris Nelson, M.D.
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Presentation of Diplomas *Richard Barohn, M.D.*
Assisted by: *David Haustein, M.D.*
Laura Henderson-Kelley, M.D.
Kathleen Quinn, Ph.D.

Conferring of Degrees *Robin R. Wenneker, M.B.A.*
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Announcements of Honors and Awards *Richard Barohn, M.D.*

Military Promotion Ceremony *Coleman Miller, M.D.*
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Letter From the Dean

Congratulations, members of the MU School of Medicine Class of 2023!

As we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic, your role as physicians has never been more important. In whatever specialty area you chose, you will be affected by this and future novel viral infections. You will also care for patients with many other problems – those that have not gone away during the pandemic. No matter what, always think of what you can do to promote health and relieve suffering, in whatever way you can.

When I first began my residency, I remember feeling intimidated. I felt like even though people called me doctor, I didn't really know very much. But of course, I did, and you do, too. That said, don't be afraid to ask for help. It's a good habit that will serve you throughout your career. No physician can know everything, which is why we must fully engage with the teams we work with to help. You will find a combination of humility and confidence will serve you well as a team member, colleague and physician.

You have given your all to an educational experience with demonstrated value. After today, you will take the knowledge, skills and attitudes learned here and apply them in your next training environment and eventually your lifelong practice. You are well-prepared for residency training in any discipline. So now, a few tips for residency and beyond:

- Be your patients' advocate. Listen to them. Don't treat just part of your patient.
- Praise your teammates publicly when they do great work, and coach them privately when they make a mistake.
- Pursue mentors and become a mentor; we cannot do this work alone.
- Remain curious and never stop learning.
- Make time for life outside of your medical work—of course with family, but also other non-medical interests.
- Always be compassionate.

Your time here will endure; you are now part of the 150-year legacy of MU School of Medicine. Your individual contributions will be unique – and we eagerly await seeing how you impact the lives of your patients and the future of medicine. We have a great privilege to practice medicine, and with that comes a great responsibility. Cherish this moment, reflect on and celebrate what you have accomplished – and go forward proudly with humility as you fulfill your role as a physician and live in the service of others.

Best wishes always,



Richard J. Barohn, MD
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**The Members of the Class of 2023 would like to thank the
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DECLARATION OF GENEVA

At the time of being admitted as a member of the medical profession:

I SOLEMNLY PLEDGE to dedicate my life to the service of humanity;

THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF MY PATIENT will be my first consideration;

I WILL RESPECT the autonomy and dignity of my patient;

I WILL MAINTAIN the utmost respect for human life;

I WILL NOT PERMIT considerations of age, disease or disability, creed, ethnic origin, gender, nationality, political affiliation, race, sexual orientation, social standing or any other factor to intervene between my duty and my patient;

I WILL RESPECT the secrets that are confided in me, even after the patient has died;

I WILL PRACTICE my profession with conscience and dignity and in accordance with good medical practice;

I WILL FOSTER the honor and noble traditions of the medical profession;

I WILL GIVE to my teachers, colleagues, and students the respect and gratitude that is their due;

I WILL SHARE my medical knowledge for the benefit of the patient and the advancement of healthcare;

I WILL ATTEND TO my own health, well-being, and abilities in order to provide care of the highest standard;

I WILL NOT USE my medical knowledge to violate human rights and civil liberties, even under threat;

I MAKE THESE PROMISES solemnly, freely and upon my honor.